पंजाब	635
राजस्थान	3,933
[illegible]	5,863
उत्तर प्रदेश (पूर्वी)	7,491
उत्तर प्रदेश (पश्चिमी)	6,562
कुल	4,69,364

दूरसंचार सर्किलों के मामले में, सेवा क्षेत्र, संपूर्ण दूरसंचार सर्किल होने के कारण, उपभोक्ता सर्किलों के लिए है, न कि किसी विशेष शहर के लिए।

Qualcomm failed to meet the specified parameters of TEC

302. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the caption "DOT plans hit as Qualcomm fails to pass TEC test" which appeared in the Financial Express, dated the 1st May, 1997 the Qulacomm has failed to meet all the specified parameters to TEC;

(b) whether it is also a fact that MTNL Delhi has launched telephones based on WLL system of Qualcomm even without meeting all test of TEC;

(c) the date on which tender was invited as a result of which WLL systems of Qualcomm was selected; and

(d) by when DOT would blacklist WLL system of Qualcomm?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) MTNL Delhi has launched telephones based on WLL system of Qualcomm after clearance from TEC about the equipment being found satisfactory for loading with commercial subscribers.

(c) No tender was invited. Procurement action was done on the basis of price negotiation.

(d) There is no proposal at present.

Training for IAF personnel to man SU-30 aircrafts

803. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IAF personnel have got requisite training and allied sophisticated training equipment for manning SU-30 multi-role combat aircrafts which are being inducted in the Indian Air Force;

(b) if not, whether comprehensive conceived training is being designed and facilities for its being imparted in the country exist so as to eliminate any chance of accident; and

(c) whether India have developed capabilities to produce such aircrafts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Sufficient number of IAF personnel have undergone training in Russia on SU-30 aircraft. Training facilities for training additional personnel in India are also being set up. This facility will have necessary infrastructure required to meet the operational/maintenance training requirements. Equipment for full operational exploitation of the aircraft and its system have also been procured.

(c) Agreement signed with Russia for procurement of SU-30 aircraft provides for transfer to technology and indigenous production of the aircraft at HAL, for subsequent supplies.

Incident of jawan killing officers

804. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR
SAM BHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a third incidents of its kind in Kashmir during the past six

months an army jawan ran amuck and killed four army men including a Col. before shooting himself at an Army Camp in Shoprain town;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted an inquiry into the causes of such incidents in which army men have been killing their superiors or colleagues; and

(c) whether any common element or similarity has been detected behind these incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) An army Havildar shot dead a Colonel, a Captain and two Subedars before killing himself at Hirpur in Jammu & Kashmir on 15th June, 1997.

(b) and (c) A study has been ordered at the level of Army Headquarters to go into these incidents.

Acquisition of SU-30 multi-role aircrafts

805. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force is being equipped with ultramodern multi-role combat aircraft SU-30 even though a potentially dangerous gap exists in the training system which has resulted in a number of IAF mishaps;

(b) if so, how Government think that acquisition of these fighter aircraft would stregthen the IAF striking power when it lacks in advanced training system; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to remove such a potential deficiency in IAF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) An agreement has been signed with Russia for acquisition of SU-30 aircraft in phases over a period of 5 years. A number of IAF personnel have undergone training in Russia on SU-30 aircraft. Training facilities are also being set up by the IAF for training of additional IAF personnel. The said facility will have necessary infrastructure required to meet the operational/maintenance requirements. The acquisition of SU-30 aircraft was considered necessary in order to sustain the combat potential of the IAF in view of the scheduled phasing out of some of the IAF combat aircraft. SU-30 is a state-of-the-art, multi-role, long endurance strike aircraft, one of the best available in its class, in the world.

Shortage of spares for IAF combat aircrafts

806. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF is facing acute shortage of spares for maintenance of combat aircrafts and specialised support vehicles and equipments;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for leading to such a situation; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The IAF has been experiencing some shortage of spares for maintenance of combat aircraft and specialist support vehicles and equipment.

(b) This is primarily due to the inability of the Russian Supplier agencies to meet the full requirements of the IAF, due to dis-integration of the erstwhile USSR.

(c) The matter has been pursued with the Russians from time to time at various levels. As a result, the position has considerably improved.